Amendments to the specification:

Please replace the Title of the Invention on line 1 of page 1 with the following rewritten Title:

--IMAGE SIGNAL RECORDING APPARATUS WITH CONTROLLED RECORDING OF MAIN, PRECEDING AND SUCCEEDING MOVING IMAGE SIGNALS--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 10, and ending at page 11, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The image signal stored in the memory 107 is coded in a format compliant with an MPEG 2 by a compression and expansion circuit 109, and written in the memory 107 again. The memory 107 can store a moving image signal of a predetermined period T1, which is compressed and coded in the above-described manner. In the memory 107, the compressed and coded moving image signal is stored by cyclically designating a write-in address. As a result, a newest compressed and coded moving image signal of the predetermined period T1 is always stored in a memory ~~104~~ 107. --.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 17, and ending at page 13, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--When a user operates a photographing button (not shown) included in the operation switch 125 to designate a photographing start, the control circuit ~~122~~ 123 controls the memory 107 to start reading-out from oldest data stored in the memory 107 at this time, i.e., moving image data and audio data before now by the predetermined period T1, and sequentially output the data to a disk I/F 129. The disk I/F 129 records a coded

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data train obtained by multiplexing the moving image data and the audio data on a hard disk D. The hard disk D is housed in a cartridge, and inserted into/ejected from the image pickup apparatus 100 through a not-shown slot.--.

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